

**Tuesday, May 5, 2015  
Open Space Committee  
76 Oakland Circle  
Medway, MA 02053**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Tina Wright</b>	<b>Jim Wickis</b>	<b>Paul Marble</b>	<b>Pat McHallam</b>	<b>Mike Francis</b>	<b>Bruce Hamblin</b>	<b>Charlie Ross</b>
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Recording Secretary, Amy Sutherland

The Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Joanne Williams from the Medway Trail Committee was present.

**2009 Master Implementation:**

Jim Wieler wanted to set up a time to meet with the Open Space Committee to discuss the 2009 Master Implementation. Member Ross and Marble have comments in relation to the questions which were presented to the Committee. Any further comments can be forwarded to the Chairman who will gather the information and provide it to Jim Wieler. There was discussion that the Open Space Committee was not created until after 2009. There are some items in the plan such as cluster housing which fall within the Planning Boards jurisdiction and not open space. Member Hamblin commented that the last plan referenced making handicap parks, and this was taken out or not include in report. There was a suggestion to add the accomplishment of the year into the annual report. The six goals noted were:

1. Identify and Protect undeveloped land.
2. Provide and maintain a diversity of conservation and recreation land.
3. Promote Trails and access to open spaces.
4. Provide Conservation outreach programs.
5. Encourage open space preservation
6. Encourage compact development
7. Facilitate the stewardship of open spaces.

**Village Street: Amphitheater Engineering:**

The Chairman indicated that CPC is aware of what Open Space would like to do at Village Street. The Town Administrator informed the Chairman that there will be no further discussion about trading property. The engineering will need to be done. The Chairman will meet with Dan Hooper to see if he can meet on site.

Member Wickis informed the committee that residents are utilizing the area by walking and fishing. He also provided the committee with a document entitled "Amphitheater Management

Goals for 2015". Some of the items on the list need help from the DPS and should be part of a maintenance plan.

Member Wickis did inform the committee that there is a big problem with the invasive especially garlic mustard. This is moving quick invasive. It usually dies by the end of July but the problems expand to all areas since animals eat around it and spread this invasive. It was recommended to have a picnic event to remove this invasive.

There was discussion about having a work event on Saturday June 6, 2015 from 11:00 to 2:00. Residents can bring gloves, blanket and a picnic. Jim could be the resident naturalist who can provide walking tours of park. This is National Trails Day. Member Marble will reach out to the boys and girl scouts. Member Ross will handle posting the event on the website.

Member Francis will be meeting on Wednesday June 6, 2015 with Fred Sibley. The Committee would like Mike to inquire about digging the holes for the fence. He will also be discussion the placement of the other six kiosks.

The Committee would like to move forward with fencing for property demarcation. The Committee recommends asking Fred Sibley to purchase the fencing and then the bill will be submitted to CPC for payment.

### **Conway School Project:**

There is no update on the Conway School project. The implementation if this will not be until the fall. The Chairman will follow-up with an email to the Conservation Commission Agent.

### **Online Presence:**

Member Ross would like to fix the titles of the agenda/minutes on the Virtual Town Hall website. This will include alphabetizing and making sure they are in chronological order. The Committee is in support of this.

Member Ross also provided the members with a sheet called "Facebook Metrics for May 2015 OSC Meeting". This sheet showed data about the people following the open space page. The total likes as of May 5, 2015 were 123. The most likes posts involved pictures. It was recommended that any pictures continue to be provided to Member Ross who will upload to site for Committee visibility.

### **Other Business:**

Member Wickis attended the regional SWAP meeting. The goal is to set up a network of biking and walking trails to connect among towns and cities. The map was provided. The representative conducting the meeting will need input from our committee to make the map more accurate.

Member Wickis provided an article from the New York Times entitled "The Chickadee's Guide to Gardening" dated March 11, 2015.

Member Wickis will be attending the Salmon Retirement meeting on Wednesday May 6, 2015.

Resident Williams was inquiring about who checks the trees when planted since she recognized that some are planted too deep. The Committee recommended that this be brought up to Fred Sibley, the Tree Warden.

There was also a recommendation to have a member of the Planning and Economic Development Committee at their next meeting to discuss the various open space parcels, Charles River Village, Pine Ridge, which currently do not have signage, parking access or walking delineation. The Open Space Committee would like to be included in the sign off process of these projects. The Chairman will follow-up with Susy.

### **Town Brochure:**

The brochures are being printed. There will be continued work on writing descriptions for the various kiosks. Member Marble will pick up the sleeve protection sheets to the written description documents. Member McHallam distributed the draft map of the Bresnahan Landing Paddling Map. There was a suggestion to add the mileage. The Commission was in agreement that this would be a good thing to include and have a link on the open space page. The Commission discussed having a reference to possible natural hazards included in regards to obstacles on the river. There could also be a trip condition code at the site. This information could be put on town's website along with a link.

### **Trout Stocking:**

Member McHallam will be contacting the State to see if they can stock trout at the boat launch.

### **Minutes April 7, 2015:**

**On a motion made by Bruce Hamblin and seconded by Charlie Ross, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the minutes from March 2, 2015.**

### **Future Meeting Date:**

- June 2, 2015

### **ADJOURN**

**On a motion made by Paul Marble, and seconded by Pat McHallam, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland  
Recording Secretary  
Approved June 2, 2015

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